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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 22, L.D. 20, Bill,
"AN ACT Providing for the Maine State Housing Authority Financing
of Intermediate Care Facility Group Homes for the Retarded and
Persons with Retarded Conditions."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting
in its place the following:

'AN ACT Providing for the Maine State Housing Authority Financing
of Intermediate Care Facility Group Homes for the Retarded and
Persons with Related Conditions.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the enacting
clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do
not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless
enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the current needs of the mentally retarded population
should, on the basis of law, court order and good judgment, be
responded to as quickly as possible; and

Whereas, changes in the ^{Maine State} Housing Authority law would help to
achieve the maximum use of all resources to create appropriate
community residences for Maine's deinstitutionalized population;
and

Whereas, the proposed changes would create significant fiscal
benefits to the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of

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Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes the title and includes an emergency preamble. If the bill does not pass on an emergency basis, the Maine State Housing Authority will have to foreclose on a mortgage to the Good Neighbors Group Home in Bridgeton. The authority made a loan to the home, and subsequent changes in federal and state laws and regulations having to do with funding for the home have put the home out of compliance with the state law. Passage of the bill with this amendment will correct that situation.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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